IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION

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INVENTION: "NEGATIVE ELECTRODE ACTIVE MATERIAL, METHOD OF

PRODUCING THE SAME, AND NONAQUEOUS ELECTROLYTE

CELL"

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SIR:

Between the title and the heading "Background of the Invention" on page 1, insert the following:

-- RELATED APPLICATION DATA

The present application claims priority to Japanese Application(s) No(s). P2002-230136 filed August 7, 2002, which application(s) is/are incorporated herein by reference to the extent permitted by law.--

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